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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY
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STAFFDEL MOOSE/MEISSNER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL MOOSE/MEISSNER

1. ACTING CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE HAS WRITTEN SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER
TO SAY THAT HE IS SENDING STAFF CONSULTANTS RICHARD M.
MOOSE AND CHARLES F. MEISSNER TO SOUTHEAST ASIA ASKING THEM
TO REPORT ON THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SITUATION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO U.S.
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN VIETNAM AND
CAMBODIA AND STATUS OF MIA ACCOUNTING.

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2. STAFFDEL PLANS DEPART WASHINGTON MAY 12, ARRIVE HONG

KONG MAY 13, DEPART HONG KONG MAY 15, AND ARRIVE SAIGON SAME DAY. PLAN TO REMAIN SAIGON APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS BEFORE CONTINUING PHNOM PENH FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS. BETWEEN SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH, OR AT END OF VISIT, STAFFDEL MAY VISIT VIENTIANE AND USSAG, NAKORN PHANOM. DETAILS OF ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW.

3. SUBJECTS OF STAFFDEL INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR BRIEFINGS AND APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.

4. PLEASE MEET, ASSIST, PROVISIONS CA-10315, OCTOBER 16, 1972 APPLY. EACH TRAVELLER AUTHORIZED LOCAL CURRENCY

EQUIVALENT DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS CHARGEABLE 19FT510 FUNDS. BOTH HAVE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TOP SECRET CLEARANCES.

5. FOR HONG KONG: TWO SINGLES REQUESTED MANDARIN OR PENINSULA MAY 13 AND 14. STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSION WITH CONGEN STAFF MAY 14 ON NORTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMY AND APPOINTMENT WITH TREASURY ATTACHE. ADVISE DEPARTMENT SOONEST REGARDING CONTROL OFFICER AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

6. FOR SAIGON: TWO SINGLES REQUESTED CARAVELLE. DETAILED INTERESTS AND DESIRED PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW PER PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFINGS ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND MIA SITUATIONS, INCLUDING SESSIONS WITH AID, DAO, FPJMT REPRESENTATIVES AND APPROPRIATE GVN OFFICIALS. STAFFDEL WILL PROBABLY WANT TO SCHEDULE SOME TRAVEL OUTSIDE SAIGON.

7. FOR VIENTIANE: IF STAFFDEL ABLE TO ARRANGE TIME WILL WANT TO SPEND ONE DAY WITH OVERNIGHT TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION CEASEFIRE, FUTURE OF U.S. PRESENCE AND PROGRAMS AND MIA ACCOUNTING.

8. FOR BANGKOK: IF SCHEDULE AS SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED INVOLVES TRANSIT BANGKOK, STAFFDEL MAY REQUEST EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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BRIEFINGS ON POLITICAL SITUATION, COUNTERINSURGENCY, AID PROGRAMS AND U.S. PRESENCE.

9. FOR USSAG AND JCRC: IF SCHEDULE PERMITS VISIT NKP, STAFFDEL MAY REQUEST BRIEFING ON USSAG AND JCRC ACTIVITIES.

10. DEPARTMENT ARRANGING APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS DURING

COMING WEEK. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW UPON CONCLUSION.

11. REQUEST ADDRESSEE POSTS DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICERS
AND INFORM DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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